

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

September 30, 2015

150887

Robert P. Young, Jr.,
Chief Justice

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Justices

In re Attorney Fees of JOHN W. UJLAKY

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

SC: 150887
COA: 316494
Kent CC: 11-002833-FC

SHAWN DOUGLAS SIMPSON,
Defendant,

and

JOHN W. UJLAKY,
Appellant.

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the October 23, 2014 judgment of the Court of Appeals is considered and, pursuant to MCR 7.305(H)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REVERSE the judgment of the Court of Appeals as to Docket No. 316494, and we REMAND this case to the Kent Circuit Court for a determination of the reasonableness of the attorney fees requested. The trial court applied the county's fee schedule, which capped compensation for plea cases at \$660, but did not address at all the reasonableness of the fee in relation to the actual services rendered, as itemized by the appellant. See *In re Recorder's Court Bar Ass'n*, 443 Mich 110, 131 (1993). Although the expenditure of any amount of time beyond that contemplated by the schedule for the typical case does not, *ipso facto*, warrant extra fees, spending a significant but reasonable number of hours beyond the norm may. On remand, the trial court shall either award the requested fees, or articulate on the record its basis for concluding that such fees are not reasonable. See, e.g., *In re Attorney Fees of Mullkoff*, 176 Mich App 82, 85-88 (1989), and *In re Attorney Fees of Jamnik*, 176 Mich App 827, 831 (1989).


We do not retain jurisdiction.



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I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

September 30, 2015


Clerk